

Corbridge Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 7 April 2017

Easter holidays already...this half term has flown by! The staff have really enjoyed welcoming you into school this week for your parent consultations which I hope you found helpful and informative.

Today we say farewell to Mrs Thompson, one of our Y2 teachers. I would like to thank Mrs Thompson for all her hard work and dedication during an amazing 18 years' service at Corbridge First School. She has, without a doubt, helped many of our children 'be the best they can be' and we will all miss her. We say goodbye to Mrs Wilkins, one of our midday supervisors, as well today. I would also like to thank Mrs Wilkins for her hard work and wish her the very best for the future.

When we return to school after the Easter break, we will be welcoming Mrs Morphet and Mrs Fowler to our staff team. Mrs Morphet will be working as a TA in Year 3 and Mrs Fowler will be starting as a Midday Supervisory Assistant. Further news about staffing changes from 24 April is detailed below. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team of staff in school helping our children to thrive both academically and socially.

Staffing Changes from 24 April 2017

Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Miss Pattison, Teaching Assistant, moves to Reception
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Miss Jewitt teaching Year 1 on a full time basisMrs Dickinson, Teaching Assistant, moves to Year 1
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Miss Storey will teach Y2 on a Wednesday afternoon and all day on Thursdays and Fridays
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mrs Morphet joins Y3 as a Teaching Assistant
Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Having completed her Level 2 Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools Apprenticeship, Miss West will now join Mrs Shevlin in the office to complete a Level 3 Business Administration Apprenticeship

J. Ainsley

Miss J Ainsley
Head Teacher



School closes for the Easter break at 3.00pm on Friday 7 April and reopens on Monday 24 April.

School Meals – first half of summer term 2017 (24 April to 26 May 2017) – the cost of school meals for the first half of the summer term is detailed below:

Nursery and Year 3	24 days x £2.20 = £52.80
Year 4	21 days x £2.20 = £46.20 (3 days less due to Fellside Residential visit)

Payment can be made at the start of each week or in one payment. Please make cheques payable to NCC. If there are any credits/debits on your child's school meals account they will have a letter home with them today.

Y4 Fellside Residential Visit – meetings for parents/carers – Wednesday 26 April 2017 at 3.05pm – At the meeting Mr Harrison will give you information about the activities the children will be involved in, accommodation, travel arrangements and timings, what the children will need to bring with them in terms of clothing, footwear etc. We will also hand out forms for you to complete and return to us – i. Cumbria Outdoors parental consent form and ii. NCC educational visits form SV5. There will, of course, be an opportunity for you to ask questions as well. The meeting will be held in the Y4 classroom. Please wait in the playground at the usual collection time and Mr Harrison will bring you into school via the Y4 classroom door.

Fellside – final instalment payment of £40.00 – if you have not already paid in full for the Fellside residential visit, please ensure that we have your final payment on Monday 24 April 2017. Payment can be made in cash or by cheque payable to NCC.

Reception Class Assembly – The Reception class assembly will take place at **2.30pm on Tuesday 2 May**. Please come into school via the school office.

Girls' After School Football Club has continued to prove popular and will continue to run during the summer term – booking forms will be sent out.

Hexham Spring Festival – Saturday 22 April 2017 – Hexham Community Partnership has lots of activities planned for families and children, including the popular Teddy Bears' Picnic. All the fun starts at 11.00am in Hexham Abbey Grounds.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 ... please donate your vouchers to us ... we can use them to get sports and cooking equipment

Diary dates are printed on the next page....new dates will be added regularly so please check each week for any events/activities involving your child's year group...dates added or amended this week are marked in red.

Corbridge Church of England First School - Diary Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event	Notes
Wednesday 26 April	Y4 – Fellside Residential Visit – parents and Y4 children invited to come into school at 3.05pm to hear more about the Fellside residential visit.	
Monday 1 May – school closed for Bank Holiday		
Tuesday 2 May	Charity Fundraising – Tynedale Hospice; Cathy Bates will be coming along to talk to the children about the work at the hospice. We'll be giving each of the children one of the hospice's very cute animal pen pals and we would be very grateful for a suggested donation of £1 from parents for these.	
Tuesday 2 May	Reception Class Assembly – 2.30pm – please come into school via the school office.	
Monday 8 May	Class Photographs - Tynephoto	
Tuesday 9 May	Year 1 Class Assembly	
Wednesday 10 May	Year 1 – Teaching Trees – visit to Matfen Woods (morning visit – more information to follow)	
Wednesday 10 May (afternoon)	Y3 walk to Corbridge Roman Site to see Cavalry Exhibition	
Christian Aid Week – 14 to 20 May 2017		
Walk to School Week – 15-19 May 2017		
Tuesday 16 May	Happy Shoesday - we will be raising money for Living Streets walking projects and Christian Aid by asking the children to come to school in their 'happy shoes' and donating a £1.00. Funds raised will be split between the two charities.	
Tuesday 23 May	Year 3 Class Assembly	
Wednesday 24-Friday 26 May	Year 4 Residential Visit to Fellside	
Wednesday 24 May	Movie Night – school fundraiser	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 26 May for half term and reopens on Monday 5 June.		
Tuesday 6 June	Year 4 Class Assembly	
Wednesday 14 June	6.00pm - Welcome meeting for parents of children due to join Nursery in September 2017	
Wednesday 14 June	Y3 – Visit to Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda	
Wednesday 14 June	Year 2 Class Assembly (afternoon)	
Wednesday 21 June	6.00pm – Welcome meeting for parents of children due to join Reception in September 2017	
Wednesday 21 June	Year 4 Leavers' Service at Newcastle Cathedral	
Saturday 1 July	Summer fete	
Tuesday 4 July	Nursery closed due to Transfer Day	
Tuesday 4 July	Transfer Day - Y4 visit their new middle school/other year groups spend time with their new class teacher.	
DATE FOR THIS EVENT TO BE CHANGED AS CLASHES WITH CORBRIDGE FESTIVAL WEEKEND	Corbridge has got Talent – Family Night! – school fundraiser	
Monday 17 July	Sports' Day (afternoon)	
Tuesday 18 July	Nursery Graduation and Sports Morning	
Wednesday 19 July	Parent Open Door – opportunity for parents to drop in to see their child's teacher between 3.00 and 4.00pm if there are any concerns arising from your child's school report which will be issued on 14 July.	
Thursday 20 July	Year 4 Leavers' Concert	
School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 21 July 2017 for the summer break. School will reassemble on Tuesday 5 September.		

Monday swimming lesson dates for the summer term 2017

24 April	8 May	5 June	3 July
	15 May	12 June	
	22 May	19 June	

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This week's School 360 highest house point scorers are printed below.

★ ★ ★ TOP HOUSE ★ ★ ★	
1st 463 POINTS	 Green
2nd 460 POINTS	 Blue
3rd 448 POINTS	 Yellow
4th 433 POINTS	 Orange

Well done to some Year 2 pupils topping the leader board this week.

61 POINTS

Martha Weston

60 POINTS

Oscar Ewing

Aaron Parkins

Ben Parkinson

58 POINTS

Mortimer Cain

Elliott Proctor

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